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The UN

WHAT President Eisenhower deems it expedient to send a message to the General Assembly reaffirming faith in the United Nations, and a widely-read American magazine considers the moment is propitious to canvass delegates' views on the question of the abandonment of UN, may be taken to indicate the degree to which world confidence in the organisation has become shaken and uncertain. The United Nations started off with such high hopes and splendid ideals, all embodied in a beautifully composed Charter. The Charter is still there, and the ideals continue to be restated; but the United Nations, as an organisation for the establishment and defender of world peace and prosperity is no longer united. It would be false, however, to declare that UNO is a failure. In many fields of international activity it has magnificent achievements to its credit. And if it has not yet succeeded in guaranteeing world peace and ensuring a universal adoption of the creed of human rights, the existence of UNO has, at least, welded together the champions of true democracy and has unerringly repelled those who give only lip service to the principles of the Charter but who have neither will nor intention of putting them into practice.

NOR is it right to lay the blame for the relative failure of the United Nations entirely on the delegates to the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Trusteeship Council, and the many other executive and administrative branches of the organisation. The inertia of public opinion has been a contributing factor. It has been laid down, with truth, that "the success or failure of the whole organisation, and with it the peace of the world, depend on a thorough understanding of the United Nations by the citizens of the countries who have pledged their allegiance to it." For without support, and without the support of public opinion, the United Nations cannot fully succeed. Unjust criticism, impatience, or vague formulae for perfection will not do. And with equal force it has been contended that the United Nations can function at its best only when the principles of justice and equality among all are applied in a constant process of peaceful development. Moreover, this can only be accomplished through the peoples of the world and every citizen of the United Nations. Thus President Eisenhower's reaffirmation of faith in the United Nations at the same time a challenge to the peoples of the world to reassert their confidence in the ultimate success of the organisation. And whatever disappointment there may be over the inability to date of the United Nations to attain its highest and most cherished aims, it can still be fairly claimed that existence of such an organisation at this time offers the best safeguard against a conflict which might well result in the total destruction of civilisation.

## Britain May Transfer Troops From Suez To Jordan

### DISCUSSIONS IN PROGRESS

### The Middle East Defence Scheme

London, Feb. 24. Britain disclosed officially today that she was consulting with the Government of Jordan on the stationing of forces in that country.

A Foreign Office spokesman said that consultations had been in progress for the past three weeks and that they were based on the 1948 Anglo-Jordanian Treaty of Friendship and Mutual Assistance.

If agreement was reached, Britain, it is understood, might move some of her forces from the Canal Zone to Jordan.

The disclosure came amid growing indications that Middle East defence questions were entering an active and decisive stage.

British talks with Egypt on the future of the much disputed Suez base were expected to start in a few days and to broaden into a full-scale review of Middle Eastern defence. A special Israeli expert is flying to London from Tel-Aviv this week, presumably to voice his Government's desire not to be ignored in any forthcoming arrangements for the Middle East.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, is, on the other hand, to seek assurances from the new United States Administration during his talks in Washington next week for close Anglo-American co-operation in a new approach to Middle Eastern defence arrangements. Mr Eden is known to consider a joint Anglo-American front an essential condition to successful negotiations with Egypt and other Arab states.

"LITTLE NATO". Britain has so far been anxious not to disclose her terms for a settlement of the Suez dispute with Egypt—but indications are that she will be more amenable to the Egyptian demand for a withdrawal of her forces from the Zone if the latter agrees to join the Middle East Defence Organisation which would constitute a kind of "little NATO" for the area.

Britain has an estimated 70,000 men in the Canal Zone at present, some of whom might be moved out soon and others in stages. Some of them might be moved to Jordan which is said to have asked for British forces since she invoked the Anglo-Jordanian Treaty about three weeks ago as a result of alleged Israeli frontier violations.

The British view is that the Canal base must be maintained as an essential factor in Middle East defence arrangements and that Egypt should be in any such arrangement from the beginning.

Evacuation would hardly be agreed on terms which would at any stage leave a defence vacuum.

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### DUTCH GOVT TO EXPEL TASS CORRESPONDENT

The Hague, Feb. 24. The Dutch government is going to expel Lev Pissarev, correspondent of the Soviet news agency Tass, as a spy.

Pissarev was arrested last December 23. A Foreign Office communiqué today said "speedy interference" of the authorities had halted his "inadmissible activities . . . in their initial stages."

"Under these circumstances, it has been found advisable not to bring a court action against him, but to expel him from the Netherlands," the communiqué declared.

Pissarev was arrested in the act of receiving what police said were faked documents from a Dutch contactman.

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substantially the concept of Middle Eastern defence and to have added a strong element of

Israel is to be left out of

Middle Eastern defence arrangements for the present because of insuperable opposition from Arab states, but it is felt that the Western Powers might make separate arrangements with Israel either simultaneously or subsequently.

ATTITUDE UNKNOWN

Israel has so far not made it clear whether she would object to the stationing of British troops in Jordan which might, in effect, act as a buffer between her and the Arab states.

Some of these issues are expected to be discussed here in the next few days by a special Israeli envoy, Mr. Michael Comey, Deputy-Director General in the Israeli Foreign Office.

British reports reaching London from Tel-Aviv today indicated that among the problems Mr. Comey will raise will be the question of British jet plane supplies to the Arab states over which there has been considerable anxiety in Israeli

Government quarters.

Britain, in turn, is to raise the entire question of arms supply to the Middle East with the United States. She feels that there should be no unilateral supply of arms by the United States but that Britain and the United States would agree to share them on the basis of an agreed plan which would be part of the Middle East defence blueprint.—United Press.

### Woman Killed In Explosion

Paris, Feb. 24. An explosion in an ammunition factory shook the Western Paris suburb of Sevres today, killing one woman worker and severely burning 11 women and two men.

The blast tore off their clothes and blew out the roof, doors, and windows of the building in which they were working.

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Persia has always said compensation was payable only for the assets and installations of the company in Persia until the day oil was nationalised in 1951.—Reuter.

DIFFERENCES COMPOSED

Tehran, Feb. 24. Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlevi and Premier Mohammed Mossadegh reached "temporary agreement" today in their dispute over alleged Court intrigues against the Premier and "serious internal troubles and bloodshed" have been averted.

A high official told the United Press after the meeting between the Shah and Dr. Mossadegh this morning, "A temporary agreement was reached between the Shah and the Premier in a four-hour meeting this morning and serious internal troubles, including bloodshed, have now been averted."

"His Majesty assured the Premier he had no reason to fear intrigues by the Court against him—the Shah had always supported him," he said.

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## No Chance Of Persia Accepting British Proposal

Teheran, Feb. 24. Mr Kazem Hassebi, oil adviser to Prime Minister Mohammed Mossadegh, said tonight there was "no chance" of Persia accepting Britain's latest oil proposals as they stand.

The British proposals for compensation to the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, whose fields were nationalised by Persia, have been under close scrutiny since they were delivered four days ago.

One of the suggestions made by Britain is believed to be a demand for "goodwill money" from the Persian oil industry. This suggestion would never be accepted, Mr. Hassebi said.

"There is no chance of Persia accepting the latest British proposals for the compensation issue in their latest form," he said.

Britain made two proposals laid before Premier Mossadegh by Mr. Loy Henderson, American Ambassador, with an offer from the United States to buy Persian oil if either of the British suggestions were accepted.

Dr. Hussain Fatemi, Persian Foreign Minister, said today that Dr. Mossadegh was now ready to draft a reply to Britain. He said the proposals were studied in detail at a meeting yesterday with Mr. Henderson.

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To Sign Pact  
Of Friendship

Istanbul, Feb. 24. Turkey and Greece will sign a friendship treaty with Yugoslavia on Friday or Saturday in Ankara, diplomatic sources said today.

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The agreement is expected to state it is open to any neighbouring country which wishes to adhere to its provisions.

Observers say the treaty will have no military or defensive character, but will be purely political. However, talks are expected to continue between the top military of the three Balkan nations toward an eventual joint defence arrangement tied up indirectly with NATO.—Associated Press.

## Student In Trouble

A student is dragged by police from the University of Rome, where he and others barricaded themselves in as a protest against the imprisonment of "Criminals of Procidia" (ex-Fascist criminals charged with political crimes). All students were forcibly ejected by the police.—London Express.

## Ban On Supplies To China

London, Feb. 24. Export licences have been refused for "all but half a dozen" items on the list of goods which the Communist China National Import Export Board wanted to buy from Britain. Mr. Harry Mackeson, Secretary for Overseas Trade, said today.

In reply to a question in the House of Commons by Mr. John Rankin (Labour), he said the licences were refused because the goods came under the embargo recommended by the United Nations in May 1951 or because, in a few cases, they were scarce and needed by Britain.

Mr. Rankin asked why the number of items on the list which might not be exported to China had increased so much during the past year.

The list now exceeded greatly that suggested by the United Nations resolution, he added.

Mr. Mackeson replied he could not accept that without looking into the matter. The items were broadly speaking, strategic goods which both the present and previous governments agreed not to export.

Mr. Rankin said in many cases the goods Britain was refusing to export are being supplied to China from within the Commonwealth. He gave maulana rope as an example.

Mr. Mackeson said Britain was not exporting maulana rope because she wanted it herself.—Reuter.

HK Bank's  
New  
Manager

Mr. Michael W. Turner has become the new Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

This was announced this morning in the following official statement:

The Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation announce that Mr. Michael W. Turner has been appointed Chief Manager in succession to the Hon. Sir Arthur Morse, CBE.

## EISENHOWER'S MESSAGE TO UN

United Nations, Feb. 24. President Dwight D. Eisenhower today sent a message to the reconvening UN General Assembly saying that the problem of obtaining peace challenges our strength and said the world would watch UN deliberations with anxious eyes.

Mr. Eisenhower's message was read to delegates from 60 nations—including Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vyshinsky—by Assembly president Lester B. Pearson of Canada. It was his first act after calling the session to order for a series of crucial debates which are expected to be dominated by the issue of peace or continued war in Korea.

Mr. Eisenhower made no first half of its current session, which ended last December 22. He said texts of his communications and replies from the Communists rejecting the compromise terms already had been made public in official United Nations documents.

He announced that the Political Committee—only one of the six standing Committees of the Assembly now meeting—would resume its sessions tomorrow.

"The agenda which remains before it and before the Assembly for conclusion is not a heavy one and I hope it will be possible for work to proceed in an efficient and expeditious manner," said Mr. Pearson.

The subjects, however, of our forthcoming debates touch upon many problems of great

## US Delegate Refuses To Shake Hands

United Nations, Feb. 24. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., chief American delegate to the UN, refused today to shake hands with the Soviet Foreign Minister, Andrei Vyshinsky.

Asked by photographers to meet Mr. Vyshinsky for a handshake, Mr. Lodge demurred. When told it was customary, he answered, "Don't you know there has been a change of Administration?"—United Press.

importance both to members of the United Nations and to the organisation as a whole. Resumption of the meetings at this time gives the opportunity of devoting to those questions the serious consideration in which they merit. I wish to welcome you once again to participate with renewed determination in our common task of giving effect to the high principles of the United Nations Charter to which all members have subscribed."—Associated Press and United Press.

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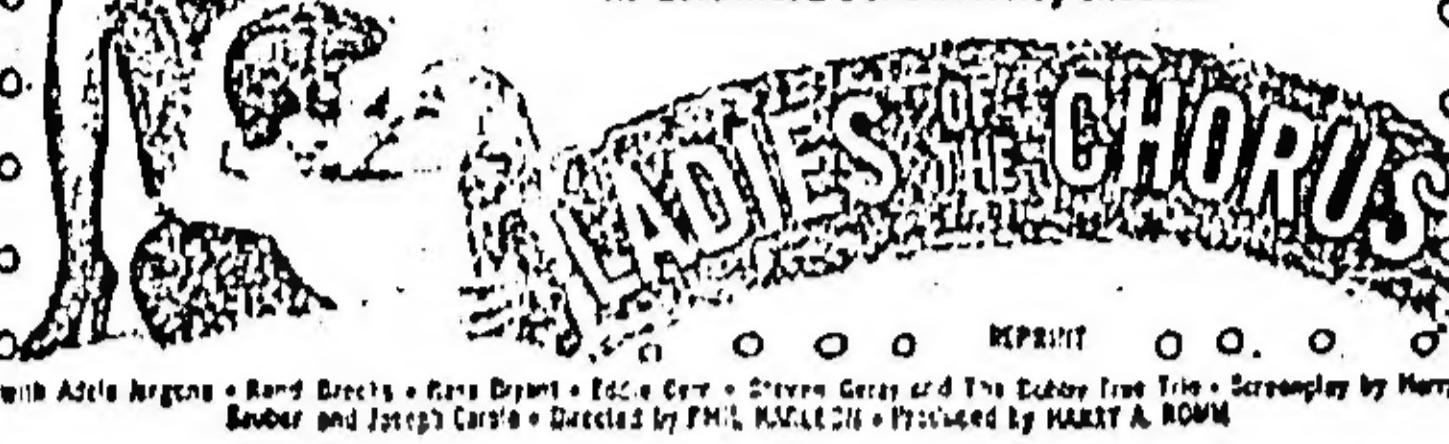
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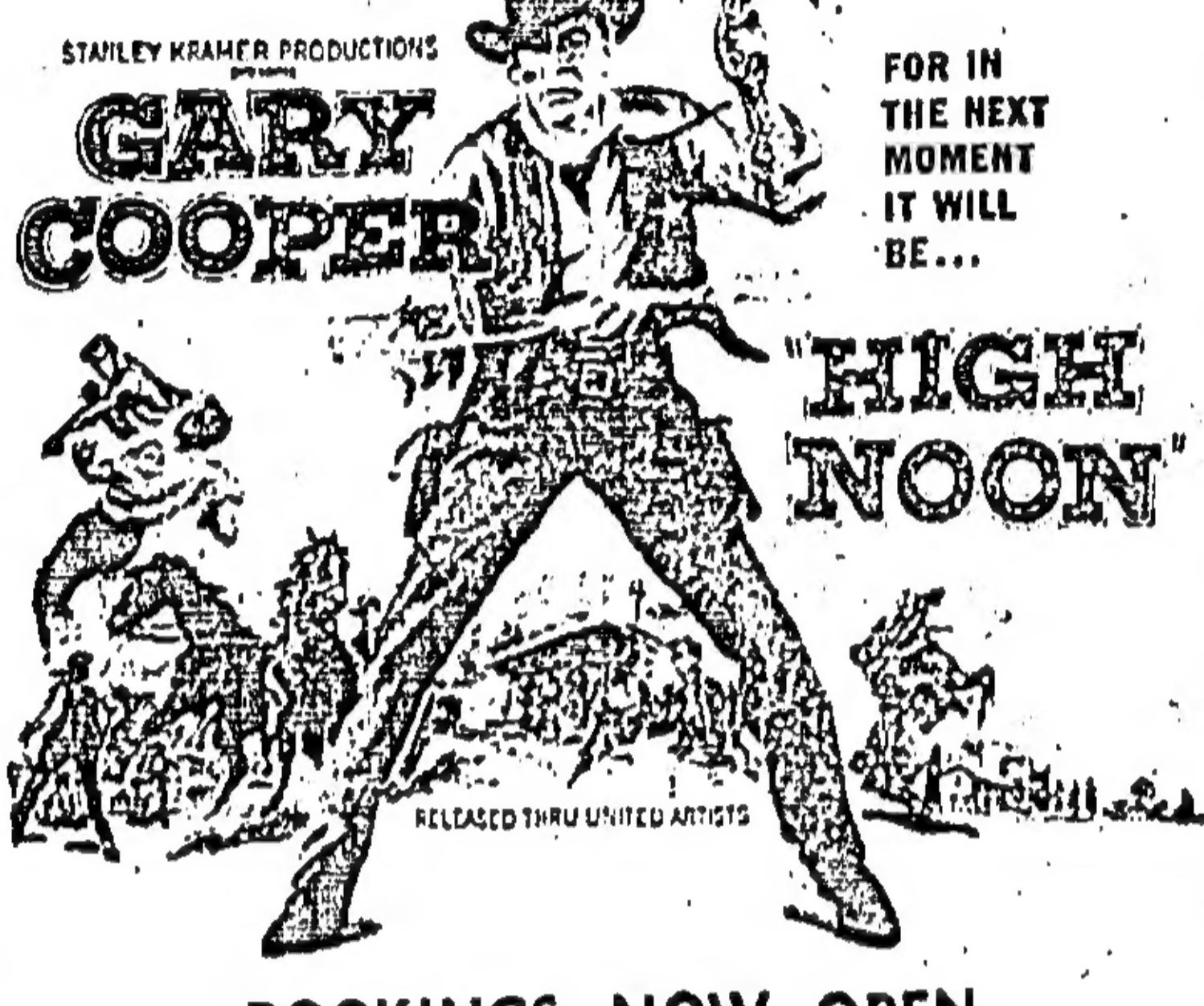
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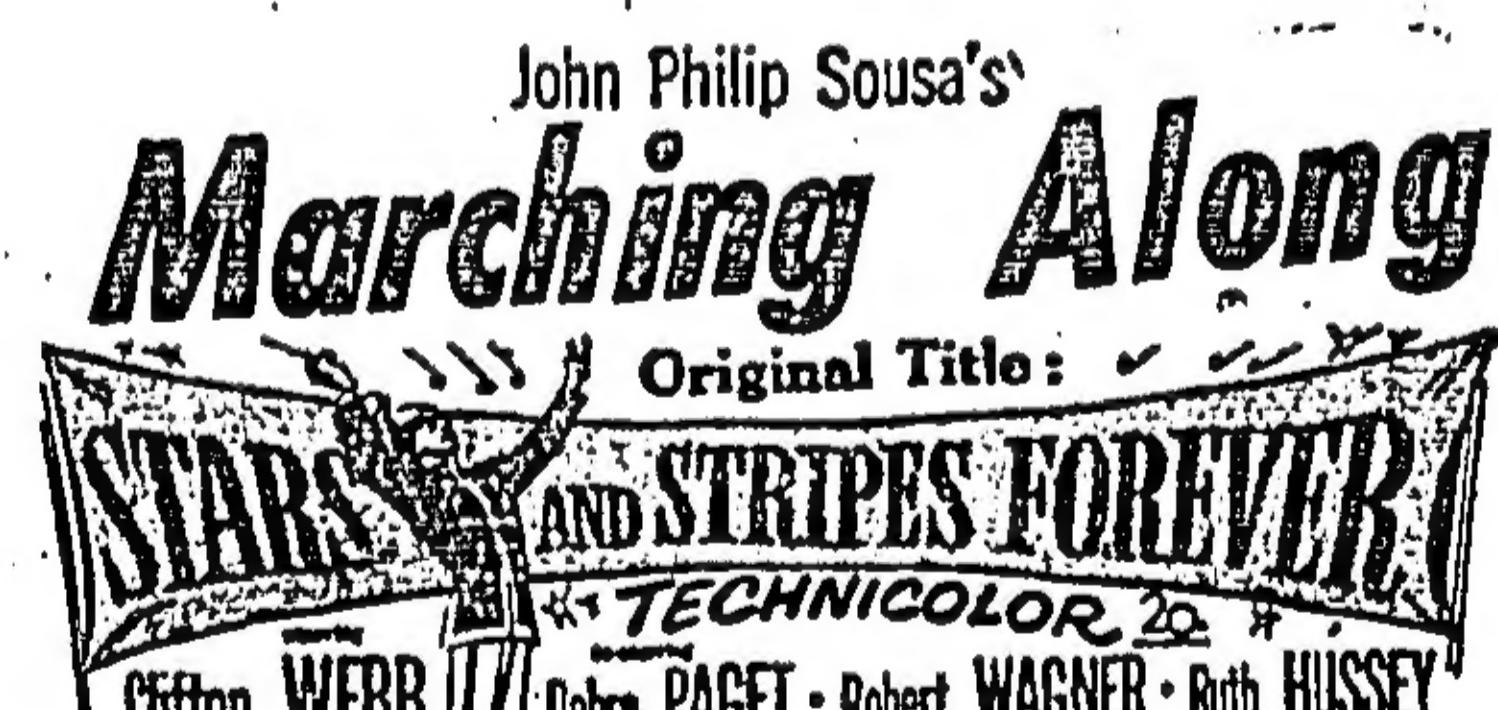
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# CHINESE BASES IN TIBET



Wearing his famous black beret, Professor Ernest Reuter, Mayor of West Berlin, arrives at Northolt Airport, London, on a visit as a guest of the Junior Carlton Club. During his week's stay he conferred with British Government and Opposition leaders and addressed the Anglo-German Society. — Express Photo.

## Chain Of Army Posts Set Up Along Frontier

New Delhi, Feb. 24.

The Chinese are building up a chain of military posts along the Southern Himalayan frontier of Tibet, bordering on India, Nepal and the Indian-protected States of Sikkim and Bhutan.

Tibetan businessmen, arrived in India from Lhasa, estimate the total strength of the Chinese now in Tibet at a minimum of 100,000. This figure tallies with the reports of other traders recently arriving at the Indian trading post of Kalimpong from Tibet.

Strong concentrations of Chinese troops are reported at Chamdo in Eastern Tibet, where the Chinese first entered the country; and around Lhasa itself, where there are 15,000 to 20,000 men; at Gartok and Gyantse; and in frontier posts all along the Himalayan region, particularly in the Chumbi valley before the Nathula pass, leading into Sikkim, where traders report that there are at least 5,000 troops.

But although all the Chinese in Tibet are in military uniform, at least half of them are engaged in more or less civilian occupations from the building of roads and barracks, to irrigation and farming on the land, and administrative posts in offices and banks, the Tibetan businessmen said. Many of them appear to have come as settlers.

The biggest force of Chinese military labour is employed in building at top speed a motor road from Slinkiang province in the heart of Chinese Asia, through Western Tibet to Lhasa. A first 500-mile strip of all-weather road is reported already to have been completed.

Two more military roads will eventually lead from China into the Tibetan capital, one from the North through Nagchu, and the other through Chamdo.

### MAIN GARRISON

The Tibetan businessmen believe that the main garrison for Tibet will probably be stationed in the area of Eastern Tibet which terminates in the Iutansu pass, north of Assam. This is an area about the size of Scotland, with the best climate in Tibet, about 300 miles from Lhasa. It is near some of the mineral areas which are to be developed by the Chinese.

So far, only one airstrip has been built in Tibet, according to businessmen's reports. This is at Lhargmo, about 170 miles from Lhasa, on the Chamdo road. It cannot yet take heavy traffic.

There have been reports of an airfield to be built at Lhasa itself, but traders say that they have seen no indication of plans going ahead. This is possibly because of difficult weather conditions in Lhasa, which is frequently swept by high winds making flying hazardous.

The Tibetan merchants say that Chinese military maps in Lhasa show Sikkim, Bhutan and Kashmir's northernmost province of Ladakh as part of Tibet. Traders from these regions are given particularly good treatment when they come into Lhasa, and everything is done to make them feel that they are not foreigners.

### LEARNING HINDI

Nepal traders also find the atmosphere fairly congenial but do not get the preference given to the Sikkimese, Bhutanese and Ladakhs. Indians are less well-treated and the Indian Consul-General in Lhasa is partly isolated.

Chinese officers and men are attending special classes in Hindi, Urdu and Nepalese in a military school set up in a garden house at Tuhingcha Lingga in Lhasa, the business part isolated.

Although many of the Chinese soldiers are little more than "peasants in uniform," the Tibetans report that they are remarkably well disciplined.

In the 18 months the Chinese have been in Lhasa, there have been only two instances of a serious clash between Chinese soldiers and Tibetans.

USE OF FLAG  
The first occurred last May when Tibetans surrounded the house of Sawang Ngabou, the Tibetan Cabinet Minister who negotiated the treaty with

China, and hurled stones through the windows. Chinese guards opened fire to disperse them.

A second clash occurred on Chinese National Day last October, after a football match, when Chinese soldiers took the part of a young Lhasa who was fighting a bigger Tibetan. Other Tibetans joined in against the Chinese and there was a general melee, but no serious injuries.

An interesting feature of the Chinese occupation is that although the Chinese flag flies over all Chinese military establishments, the Tibetan soldiers still use the Tibetan flag. There are about 10,000 regular soldiers in the Tibetan Army, and another 40,000 irregulars. The Chinese are reported to have plans for reorganizing this force, but so far the Tibetan troops have not been disbanded and are living in their own forts. — Reuter.

## New Plan For Finding Killers

Tunis, Feb. 24. The Police, vainly seeking the killers of the Tunisian labour leader, Ferhat Hached, for 10 weeks, are pinning their hopes on a new reconstruction of the crime.

The new re-enactment, which will take place in several weeks, will assemble everyone who was in the vicinity of the kidnapping and machine-gunning on December 5.

The Police said that there were several more witnesses than those who originally came forward and it was hoped that the reconstruction might smoke them out.

Hached's murder touched off the December Casablanca riots in Morocco, Tunisia's sister protectorate, costing more than 50 lives.

The nationalists claimed that Hached was murdered and dumped on a roadside by members of the French colonial "Red Hand" organization.

Criticism mounted, meanwhile, that friends of the victim, the nationalist leader of the largest labour union in the Muslim world, had not yet been released from "protective custody." — United Press.

## Entirely Up To Chiang

Washington, Feb. 24. The State Department announced today that the Chinese Nationalist decision to abrogate the 1945 treaty with the Soviet Union was a matter entirely up to the Nationalists.

A State Department spokesman said: "We do not yet have the official confirmation of the reported abrogation by the Chinese Nationalists of the 1945 treaty with the Soviet Union. This is, of course, a matter entirely for the decision of the Chinese Nationalists."

Asked whether the Chinese Nationalists had informed the United States Government of its decision to abrogate the treaty in question, the spokesman replied that he did not know but doubted if this had been done. — France Presse.

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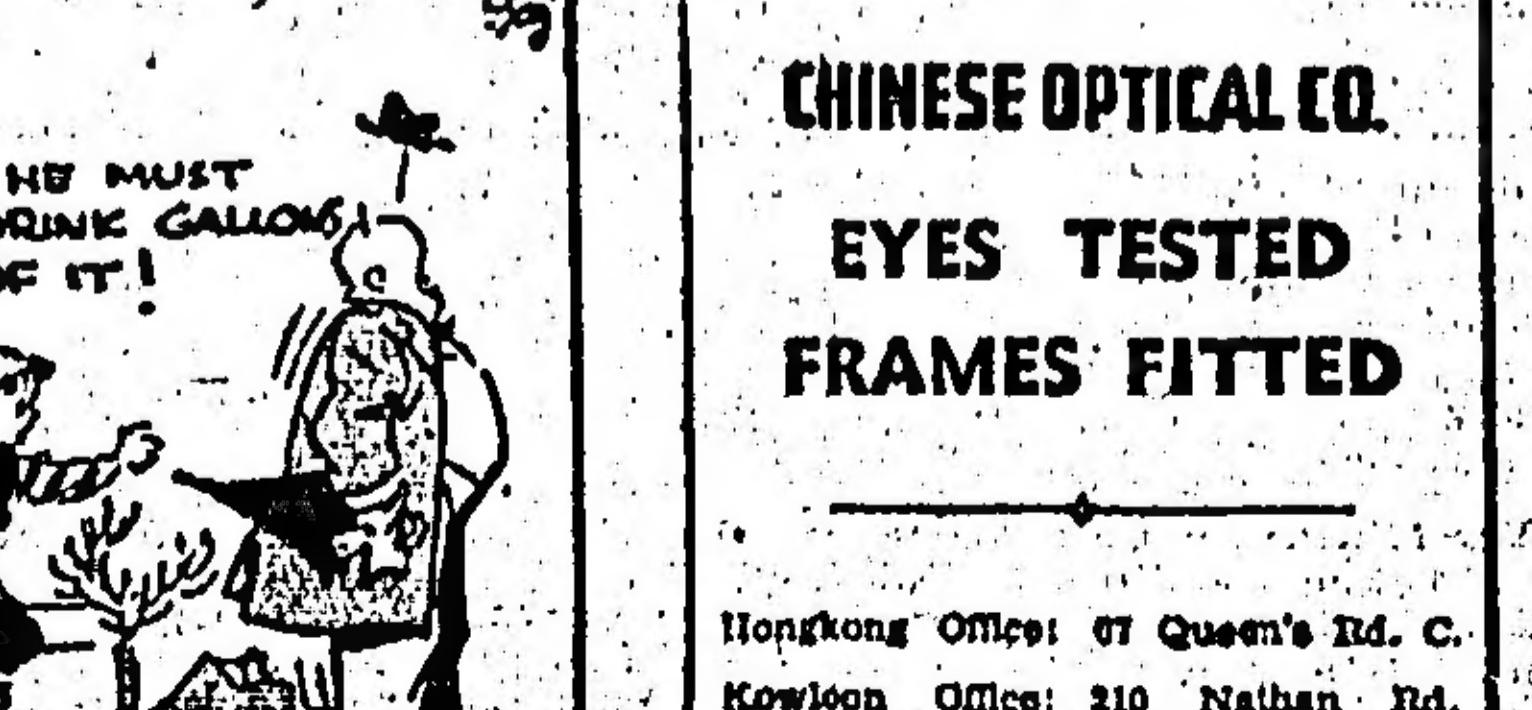
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**Parliament  
In Capetown  
Dissolved  
General Election  
In April**

Capetown, Feb. 24. South Africa's 10th Parliament was dissolved today after passing the second of two Bills authorising sterner measures to deal with the defiance campaign against the Government's segregation policy.

The General Election, one of the most critical in the history of the Union, will be on April 15.

The last act of the old Parliament was to pass a resolution unopposed in both Houses, that the Senate and Assembly should join in sending an address to Queen Elizabeth congratulating her on her coming Coronation.

The Criminal Law Amendment Bill was approved by the Senate this afternoon, by 34 votes to 4.

It imposes severe penalties, including floggings, for aiding the defiance campaign.

The other important Bill passed by this session, which opened on January 23, was the Public Safety Bill, giving the Government wide powers to deal with resistance to "Apartheid"—segregation.

It enables the Government to declare a State of Emergency and to legislate by proclamation.

The United (opposition) Party gave its support in principle to both these Bills.—Reuter.

**Murderess  
Being Sent  
To U.S.**

Tokyo, Feb. 24. Mrs Dorothy Krueger Smith is en route to the U.S. today to begin serving a life prison term for the knife murder of her husband, Colonel Aubrey D. Smith.

Mrs Smith, daughter of General Walter Krueger, World War II commander of the U.S. Sixth Army, was put aboard a plane flight yesterday to Travis Air Force Base, California.

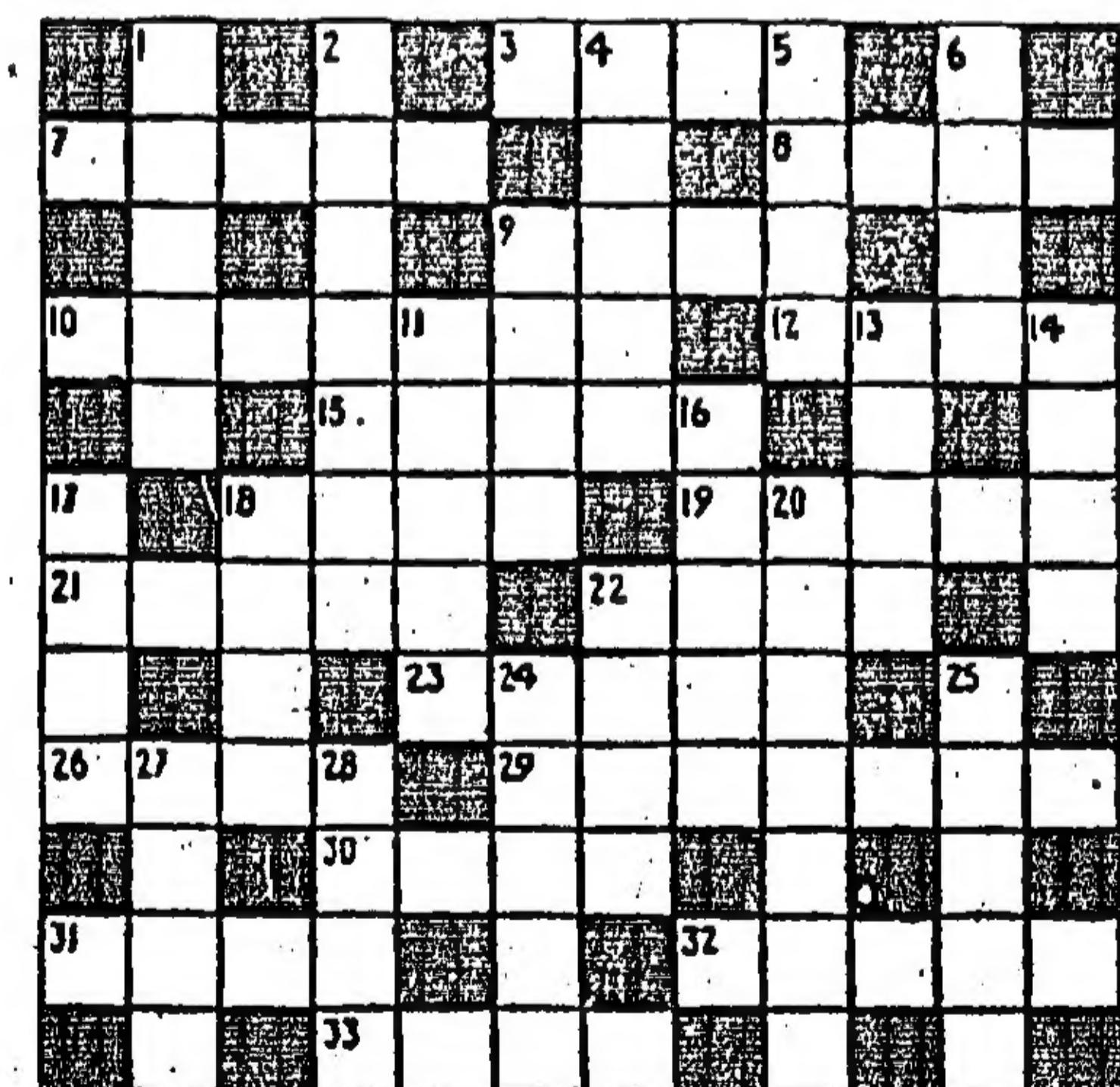
The Army said orders were received from Washington transferring Mrs Smith to custody of the Sixth Army, San Francisco. There were no other details.

Mrs Smith, 40, was convicted by a general court martial on January 10 of the fatal stabbing on October 3 of Col. Smith, a Far East Command operations officer, in their Tokyo home.

She has been held in the prison ward of a Tokyo hospital. The defence contended her addiction to alcohol and sedatives caused "temporary insanity."

Her children are with General Krueger, now retired, and his wife at San Antonio, Texas.—Associated Press.

**A British Crossword Puzzle**



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- 3 Requests (4).
- 7 Cluster (5).
- 8 Half-open (4).
- 9 Break off (4).
- 10 Disturb (7).
- 11 Droops (4).
- 12 Declares solemnly (5).
- 13 Simmer (4).
- 14 Argue (5).
- 21 Perpendicular (5).
- 22 Victim (4).
- 23 Rate of progress (5).
- 24 Facts (4).
- 25 Made certain of (7).
- 30 Prejudice (4).
- 31 Beak (4).
- 32 Pigment (6).
- 33 Otherwise (4).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1 Remains, 7 Armid, 9 Taint, 10 Ruled, 11 Eros, 15 Destroying, 15 Tear, 16 Anti, 18 Icetimide, 22 Lark, 24 Peels, 25 Flint, 26 Rest, 27 Duracs. Down: 2 Emits, 3 Inter, 4 Speys, 5 Talented, 6 Lido, 8 Mergo, 12 Serve, 13 Drawn, 14 Trinkets, 17 Tires, 18 Rinsed, 20 Infer, 21 Amira, 23 Ape.

# War Minister Stresses Role Of Singapore

## MAIN SUPPLY BASE IN FAR EAST

London, Feb. 24. The Secretary for War, Mr Anthony Head, today stressed the importance of Singapore as Britain's main supply base in the Far East.

He wrote in a memorandum presented with the Army Estimates:

"Whilst there is little of immediate spectacular interest to report from there, much work is continuously going on in planning and organising this base and its defences to make it ready for any future requirements."

### Drug Ring Smashed

Tokyo, Feb. 24. Japanese police said today that 15 Chinese nationals and nine Japanese women have been arrested after the round-up of a large-scale drug smuggling ring in Yokohama.

Police said seven others were being sought by investigators in connection with operations of the ring. Yokohama authorities believe the drug smugglers had outlets in Tokyo, Yokohama and Kobe, and paid for the drugs with pistols.—Reuter.

### ECHO OF WESTERLING REVOLT

Djakarta, Feb. 24. A former Indonesian Minister, Sultan Hamid II, will be tried here tomorrow.

The ex-Government official is charged with attempting to overthrow the Government following the transfer of sovereignty.

Following Hamid's arrest in April 1950, a series of Government communiques indicated that Hamid was the brain behind the revolt started by the former Dutch army officer, Turke Westerling.

Hamid is alleged to have ordered Westerling to attack a Cabinet meeting which was due to take place on January 24, 1950—one day after the Bandung coup—to arrest all the Ministers and shoot the Defence Minister along with his Secretary-General and the Chief of Staff.—France-Presse.

### Claim By Burmese Official

Hyderabad, Feb. 24.

The Burmese Parliamentary Secretary of the Labour Ministry, U Shwe, declared here today that despite the illegal activities of Communist insurgents, the will of the Burmese government was supreme throughout Burma.

U Shwe, who came here to attend the annual conference of the Hyderabad Labour Association, said at a press conference that the Communist Party in Burma, which was not recognised either by Peking or the Cominform, was divided itself and had little or no influence on the masses nor was there any relation between them and their compatriots in Communist China or Indo-China.

However, there was documentary evidence to show that the Chinese Kuomintang was collaborating with Burmese Communists.

Operations of the insurgents, U Shwe added, were curbed to a great extent.

More than 10,000 of the insurgents have surrendered so far and were now working for the Government.

Dealing with land reform, he said that 8,000,000 acres of land have already been allotted to tenants. He added that the Government did not propose to nationalise the land until they had enough money to pay the landlords.—France-Presse.

Manila, Feb. 24. Six United States Navy amphibian planes will be turned over to the Philippine Government under the mutual defence assistance programme of the U.S. Government tomorrow, the National Defence Department announced today.

The aircraft, of the PB4Y type, are the first of two groups of planes to be turned over to the Philippines Government.—Reuter.

### Princess Spends Birthday At School



To Princess Margriet of the Netherlands, her 10th birthday was just the same as any other day, for she went to school as usual, but she was surrounded by her school chums who sang songs in her honour. She is seen here, wearing a duffle coat, singing with her school friends during her birthday celebrations. —Express Photo.

### "Voice Of America" Broadcast Division Chief Suspended

Washington, Feb. 24. The State Department today suspended Mr Alfred H. Morton, Chief of the Voice of America Propaganda Broadcast Division.

It said he disregarded an order forbidding the use of material from Communist writers in broadcasts to Iron Curtain countries.

Mr Morton is Chief of the International Broadcasting Service at New York.

Mr Carl McCordle, Assistant Secretary of State, said Mr Morton sent a memorandum to other officials of the Voice of America expressing disagreement with the order against using material from Communist sources.

Mr McCordle said Department officials were beginning an

immediate investigation of Mr Morton's action.

Mr McCordle said his office had last week issued the order that material by Communist or fellow-traveller writers must not be used under any circumstances on Voice of America programmes.

Mr Morton had sent a memorandum to the State Department saying that he disagreed with the order and indicating he would disregard it.

Dr Robert L. Johnson, 58-year-old President of Temple University, Philadelphia, was today named Acting Chief of the Overseas Information Service.

Dr Johnson said in an interview he would make a broad study of the whole service and tell President Eisenhower "yes" or "no" in about a month. He said he would probably accept the job. He had told Mr Dulles he would do all he could to help the new Administration.

Senator Styles Bridges (Republican) today called for a full investigation of the Voice of America's request for \$4,000,000 (about £1,425,000) to exclusively Vietnamese commando battalions to be formed during 1953-1954, at 54. Their strength would total 40,000 men.

French and Vietnam military circles consider the programme can be carried out by the end of this year.

In addition to the 54 battalions and other three "maintenance" battalions, 14 "heavy supporting companies" including mortar and machine-gun companies will be started.

The setting up of these battalions would not involve France and Vietnam in additional expenditure for this year but the Vietnam contribution for the next year would be increased to meet the additional expenditure.

Transfer of military authority to the Vietnam command would take place gradually and at the request of the Vietnam authorities.

Military circles here emphasised that the setting-up of these Vietnam battalions would not alter the principle of a single command for the Indo-China war.

These circles added that there would be no difficulty in recruiting forces for these battalions.—France-Presse.

The expedition is expected to last four months.—Reuter.

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### Ceylon Warned By U.S. Dominion Treading “Dangerous Path”

Washington, Feb. 24.

Informal sources said today that the United States, through its Ambassador in Colombo, had warned the Ceylon Government that it was treading a dangerous path that was bound to lead to trouble through its five-year trade contract with Communist China.

The next step would be for Communist China to demand to open an Embassy in Ceylon which would become a Communist propaganda centre and might result in Colombo being the chief Communist centre in Southern Asia.

The sources were commenting on the reported statement in Colombo by the Ceylonese Food Minister, Sir Oliver Goodeve, on February 22 that Communist China had "served" Ceylon from famine.

This was not a true statement as the United States believed that Ceylon could have obtained enough rice from the United States, Burma and other countries to tide over an admittedly difficult period.

They pointed out that as a result of the five-year contract with Communist China to buy rice from that country in exchange for the strategic war material of rubber, Burma was not allocating rice to Ceylon and further that a special allocation of 50,000 tons of rice offered by the United States to Ceylon had only partially been taken up.

**NO NEED**

They said that much of this rice allocation was at present being bought by Indonesia which does not sell its rubber to Communist China.

The sources pointed out that the United States considered that there was no need for Ceylon to make the five-year agreement with Communist China to exchange rice for rubber to tide it over its difficult rice shortage period at present.

Further, they understood that Chinese rice landed in Ceylon cost about the same as Burma rice landed there.

They added that the United States had been informed that Britain also had made representations to Ceylon on this subject.—United Press.

### Investiture At The Palace

London, Feb. 24. Servicemen from the three fighting forces, commanded for a full

for bravery in Korea and Malaya, were among 280 men and women who went to Buckingham Palace today to receive awards from the Queen.

Queen Elizabeth presented medals and insignia individually to each recipient in the white and gold ballroom at her third investiture in successive weeks.—Reuter.

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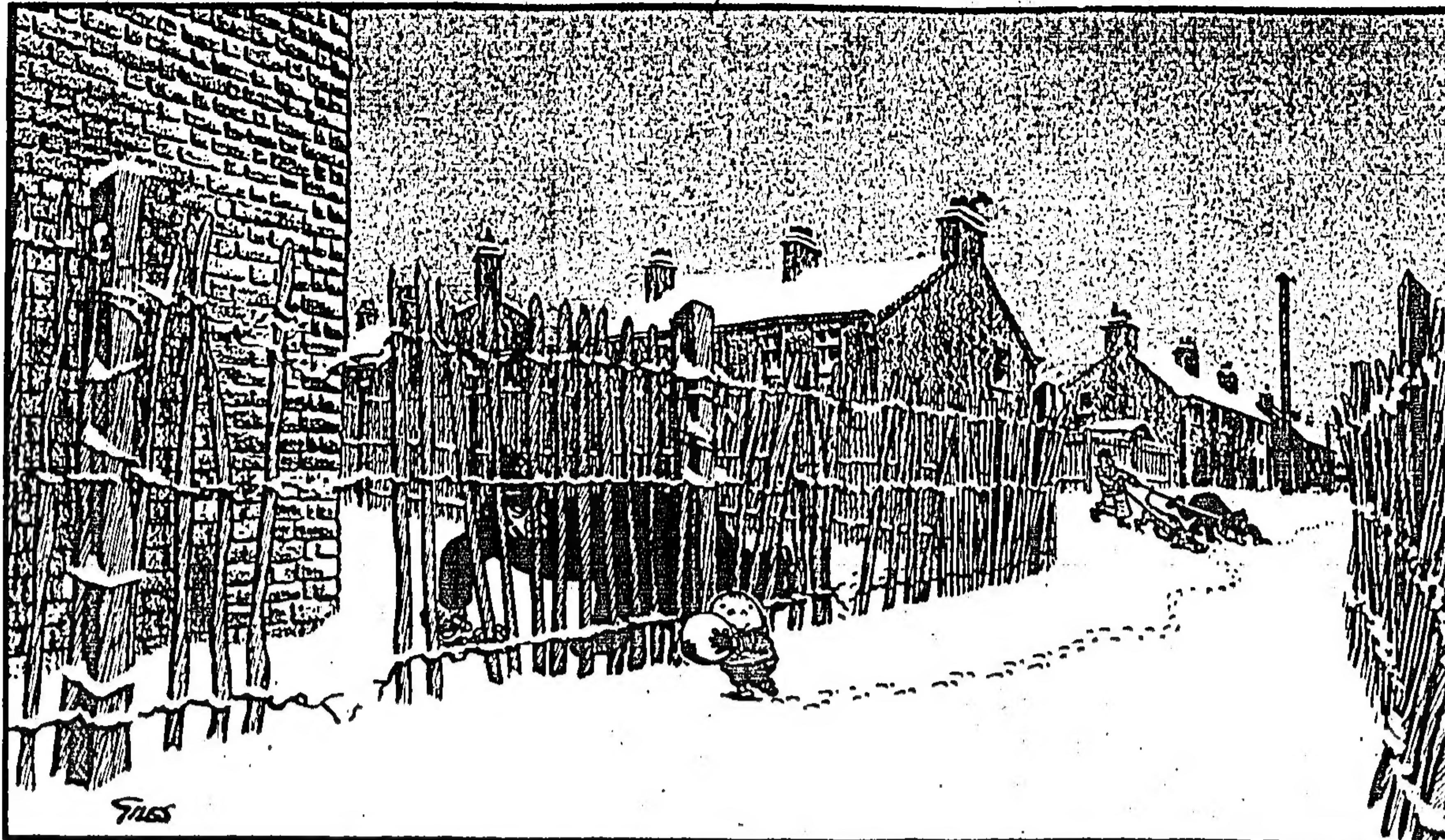
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London Express Service

### THE NAZI REVIVAL—THIRD DAY

## GIANT SWASTIKAS AT SECRET MEETINGS

By Antony Terry

Berlin. In hundreds of secret meetings all over Germany the Nazis have been holding "celebrations." In each one the scene was roughly the same, though the size of the meetings varied between half a dozen people and several hundred.

A speaker's rostrum up one end of the room, flanked with two palm trees in pots and covered with a giant swastika or a red white and black flag (the colours of the old German Reich); behind the speaker a picture of Hitler draped with mourning crepes; flags and emblems of the SS, the Hitler Brownshirts, or the Hitler Youth; hanging from the walls; candles instead of electric lighting.

This is what the average Nazi meeting looks like. Of course it is illegal. The German police find these meetings very difficult to discover and raid.

### SAME POINTS

SPEAKERS—all followed the same lines, made the same points. Germany's revival as a world power, they said, was being hindered by "Jews, Capitalists and other hockeys of the British and Americans". The Nazis were biding their time, building up a powerful movement which would one day sweep the decadent corrupt bourgeois parties from the saddle and re-establish a Germanic government before which Germany's enemies will hold their breath in awe.

Mixed with many of the speeches was a lot of the same old twaddle about "racial purity" and "blood and soil."

All of this sounds very familiar. And probably Germany's M15 officials are partly right when they claim that these hundreds, or even thousands, of little meetings held under a different name in each place are not dangerous at the moment, because they are run by men who do not amount to much in Germany nowadays, though they held great power in the days of Hitler.

British officials are not so sure. That is why they have

been quietly watching the Nazi underground right down from its top brains trust among German big business, through the pro-Nazi politicians in the government parties, to the little jack-booted fanatics who like to dress up secretly in their uniforms and stand with hands outstretched "Helling" a picture of Hitler or Goering.

The task of keeping an eye on the Nazis has become immensely more difficult during the past year.

Before then the Nazis felt safe against interference. They thought no one would interfere with them. Even I, a Britisher, was able to ferret out many details about their activities (and even about the illegal armaments) which Russia regularly ferries across the Soviet zone border into West Berlin and West Germany to help the Nazis cause trouble one day) simply by pretending I was a fanatic Nazi supporter, mouthing a lot of pro-Hitler slogans and casually asking questions in the beer cells they frequent.

More even than on the agents' work however did the British rely on the Nazis' own stupidity. For during recent months they have re-acted many of the precautions they formerly took to lead the British off the scent. They believed that not only were they placing their supporters into key posts inside the German Government, but that the peace treaties would soon be signed and Germany would be free to run her own affairs.

There are only 40 British public safety officials in Germany able to make a swoop like the recent one on the Nazi leaders. Most of them are experienced ex-Scotland Yard detectives. But soon they will be returning home—for good.

British Intelligence in Germany has many undercover agents. Most are Germans, for it is almost impossible for a Britisher to gain entrance to the Nazis' inner councils. It was the experts which built up the mass evidence against the Nazis' "brains trust" which led to the recent arrests.

The trouble is that in a few months it will be powerless. All rights to strike at the Nazis will have passed into German hands. And that is the day the Nazis are waiting for. For with their friends in high places they reckon to be safe from interference.

So far the Nazis avoid trying conclusions with the British troops. Their motto is still "watch, wait and build up." Their hatred of the British for interfering in this nice little programme and their fury at the recent arrests is proof that our Intelligence struck at the right moment.

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**TOMORROW:**  
What The Average German Thinks

## Nathaniel Gubbins

THE year 1953 seems much the same as 1933 (or even 1923) when you read the gossip columns.

In 1933 (and 1923) gossip writers were breathlessly reporting: "I ran into Lady X" ... "I bumped into Lord Y" ... "I barged into a party given by the Countess of Z..."

It looks as if important people are still being knocked about and trodden on while they are being hunted by gossip hounds.

On February 4, 1953, a Mr Peter Kent wrote from Monte Carlo:—

"Bumped into Aly Khan at the Casino, chivied him gently on his new Sunday evening rig... Ran into Jean Cocteau relaxing here..."

When I was "Gadabout" tracking down the aristocracy for a gossip column some time in the middle twenties, I gave titled people no quarter and asked for none. I was snubbed by a dozen duchesses a day, cursed by almost every peer in the realm, and, after a good go at their free buffets, cured them back in language they had not heard since they were at Eton.

When an earl aimed a kick at me other gossip writers (all a bit snobbish) thought I was lucky to be noticed by him at all. But I didn't think so. I was furious. I tried to kick him in the shins, but, as it was at the end of a long evening, I fell over and was hustled out by two butlers.

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"I was then whisked off to another party by somebody whose name I have forgotten but who paid for the taxi (good-oh), but was whisked out of the place soon after by the head waiter because I hadn't been invited.

"Feeling hungry, I then burgled into another free buffet,

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## He's 106 But Gets Proposals

New York.  
WOMEN HAVE MADE 15 marriage proposals to Thomas Evans Riddle. He is 106, and all the proposals have been made since he started an action to break the £1,400,000 will of the late Samuel D. Riddle.

Samuel was a turf man and owned the renowned racehorse Man o' War.

Thomas is nearly blind, but enjoys having the marriage offers read to him.

MR ATOM has quit without realising one of his ambitions—to bring about a closer exchange of atomic information with Britain.

Mr Atom—Gordon Dean, a California lawyer—steps down as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, guardian of the atom bombs. But he will remain on the job for three months to help President Eisenhower's new chairman wade his way into one of the world's toughest jobs.

FOR nearly a month 23 U.S. Navy men have been sealed inside the submarine *Haddock*. They are to stay bottled up for another month at least. The submarine is docked at New London, Connecticut. Each day Commander Gerald Duffner and a doctor visit the crew through an air lock in the forward torpedo tube.

The men, all volunteers, live under conditions judged to be as near as possible to those in submerged atomic submarines of the future.

How long can they hold out? That will be shown by the test.

**THE DOLLAR** is buying more in New York's restaurants. One group invites you to bring a guest once a week for a free meal. But you must buy drinks for both. Turkey dinner is 60 cents (4s. 3d.), a price unknown in the city for years.

**CHICAGO TRANSPORT** found today that it has a permanent guest, Mrs Anna Cox, 73-year-old street vendor, has been sleeping on the trams for seven years. Not because she is too poor. She always pays her fares and has more than £2,800 in the bank. She says hotels catch fire, beds are uncomfortable, and tram seats just dandy.

## Nathaniel Gubbins

LAST SWOOP

THEIR calculations misfired because ratification was held up, and the stupid British were able to make a last swoop. It has set the Nazi movement in Germany back several years.

British servicemen see nothing of this illegal underground activity which is going on all over Germany today. The average National Serviceman speaks hardly any German. In some places the Nazis hold illegal meetings in halls at the back of public bars while British servicemen sit innocently drinking beer with their Frauendine in the middle twenties.

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"Excuse me while I answer the telephone, Rover."

"Mr X has just rung up to say he is sorry he forgot the anniversary and told so many lies about the parcel last night. He is bringing me a present this evening."

"I was only trying to protect Mr X."

"Of course you were. Stop crying now, Rover. If you're a good dog you can have a round to tea this afternoon."

—(London Express Service)



"You look ill. Is it something I ate?"

### • BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

**T**HIS first under-water photograph of the waves of sound caused by throwing eight loganberries at a four-foot thick sheet of asbestos.

This is No. III of the sensitivity and echo-resistance experiments carried out by the Riverine Study Group at Macclesfield Experimental Station.

#### Ludicrous accusations

"I ASKED you to come here," said Kakko, the police chief. "In case you need police protection." "Protection from what?" asked Suet. "Well—you know important documents, money, jewels, and so on, may be stolen," said Suet. "I thought, if anything were stolen," said Suet, "I should, of course, send for the police." "Yes. But I have got all my papers where you kept them while you are out," said Suet. "Such measures," said Suet, "would affect me, because I am of the underworld, and encourage undesirables to break into my room while your policeman was asleep. I cannot think of any excuse, true or false, which would satisfy me." "But I presume you took up your papers somewhere?" "No, no," said Suet. "What I did is to distract your attention. Anyone can enter my room and take what he wants—but nobody does it." And Suet walked out. "Such acting," Suet never said, "is really terrible." Suet almost believed he is as innocent as he pretends. But where, where does he hide the paper?"

#### The way things happen

**T**ALK of a new Industrial Code reminds me of a smart piece of work by Detective-Inspector Malpractice. He was questioning a suspect who had been questioned by Detective Inspector Malpractice.

### YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

BORN today, you have very definite talents, but you will need to be very conscientious if you reach the fame and success which they might bring. For you have a rather extravagant love of pleasure, and do not feel that hard work is a real burden. This is in part, due to your artistic temperament. You are not the reacher of aspirations you must learn to curb your social nature and see that you accomplish each day that which needs to be done. Your frustration, for you, must be avoided as the plague!

Although you outwardly have a pleasant nature and sometimes seem to be a little too easy-going, you are not one to be imposed upon and if you feel that something out of you is not for nothing or use you for a good thing, you can be very stern. Once roused, your temper is a high one and you make as

bitter an enemy as you make a sincere and loyal friend.

You are not one to have let a grudge once you are over your anger until the next time or the next person. But you rarely forgive the individual whom you believe may have wronged you.

You are a daydreamer and must learn to be a little more practical if you are to make a success of your life.

You will probably never in want, for your talents will always bring you a comfortable living. But you concentrate attention to business details.

You might find your marriage partner a great asset in this regard.

To find that the stars have in store for tomorrow, select the appropriate star and copy the corresponding paragraph. Let your birth-star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—If there is detail work which needs prompt and careful attention, see that it is done right now!

**ARIES** (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Concentrate on some objective which may have been necessarily delayed for some time.

**TAURUS** (April 21-May 20)—Go in your own way to help someone who may be in real need of your advice and counsel.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21)—This is the fine time for improving business conditions or projecting a novel idea.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22)—You may find that some advice offered you today is well worth following.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)—A friend who is at a distance—perhaps travelling in Europe—should be the source of some good news.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—If asked to assist in some community chest or neighbourhood programme, do your full share.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Make definite plans for your advancement in the future. Ask for and get what you want.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—Grant the request of loved ones to add something to your home—a good piece of furniture, perhaps.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—It's writing an important letter or

report, pay strict attention to all minor details.

**PISCES** (Dec. 21-Jan. 20)—Physical labour and mental alertness can prove a very satisfactory combination today.

**ARIES** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—This is a fine day to put into production three plans which you may have been postponing.

### JACOBY ON BRIDGE

#### Optimist Helped Win Bridge Hand

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East	1 ♠
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West	2 ♣
North	4 ♦
Pass	Pass
Opening lead	♦ 4 3

By OSWALD JACOBY

**T**HE recent Metropolitan Bridge Championships, held in New York, turned out to be a family romp for Eddie and Rose Loewenthal. Eddie won the Men's Pair and the Open Pair events with two different partners, while his wife, Rose, landed fourth in the Women's Pair event and fourth also with Eddie in the Mixed Pair event.

Part of the reason for this magnificent showing may be seen from the way they bid and played to their hand.

There was nothing timid about the bidding, but Eddie had to use his imagination to claim his bid of three spades, but Rose didn't need any special glasses to accept this invitation to game.

Eddie opened the ace of clubs, and Eddie took the trick immediately with dummy's ace for fear that West had a singleton. After West had a singleton, the ace and king declarer led a club towards his queen. East popped up with the king and got out safely with another club to declarer's queen.

The contract obviously depended on winning a trick with dummy's ace of clubs, but Loewenthal was in no hurry to try for this trick. Instead he led a diamond, allowing East to win the nine.

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# LET BRITAIN'S ATHLETES RACE WITHOUT CASH CHAINS!

Says PETER WILSON

London.

Most sports have moved with the times. Not so track and field athletics.

The attitude here, among the legislators, remains rooted in those happy days when a young man of good social standing, almost certainly with a university background, fortunate enough to be born with an adequate physique and a wealthy father, could afford to represent his country without bothering overmuch about the boring necessity of earning his living.

That is why, on the surface—I stress that phrase—athletics is still a strictly amateur sport. Unfortunately, other countries against whom Britain competes—particularly, of course, in the four-yearly Olympic Games—have adopted a less-holy-than-thou, but more realistic, attitude.

**FEE TO APPEAR**

Not so very long ago five athletes were travelling together in a train from Scotland to a town in the North-East of England. Four of them were Americans, the fifth British.

Not unnaturally the conversation chiefly concerned itself with the branches of the sport which they all practised in different ways.

The Americans were discussing how much each of them got in

their own country as "appearance money." One of them was a well-known sprinter, specialising mostly on the indoor wooden tracks which are used in the U.S. during the winter season.

He admitted freely that when appearing in a big stadium like Madison Square Garden, New York, he would not appear until he got \$500 dollars (just under £180). Two of the other Americans, one of whom once held a British all-comers' record, confirmed that their "fees" were roughly similar.

**FIRST, A DENIAL**

The fourth American said nothing until his compatriots began to bait him about his "popularity rating."

First he denied receiving anything, but finally he confessed

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB TENTH RACE MEETING 1952/53

Saturday, 7th March, 1953

(Hold under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club)

The programme will consist of 9 races. The First Bell will be run at 1:30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2 p.m.

Through Tickets (9 Races—\$18.00) also tickets at \$2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on 2nd May, 1953, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road.

Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 6th March, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, sweep tickets may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Offices at:

5 D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong  
or  
382 Nathan Road, Kowloon**TOTALISATOR**

The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules:

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "ALL CLEAR" is given. The "ALL CLEAR" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once Investors have left the Counters.

All winning Tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid until one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

**MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE**

SETS OF MEMBERS' AND LADIES' BADGES WHICH ARE BEING ISSUED FOR THE 1953 RACING SEASON ARE NOT VALID UNTIL 1ST APRIL, 1953. 1952 SETS ARE VALID UNTIL THEN.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

**NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.**

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at \$10.00 including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Club Offices and the Treasurers' Comptredore Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. The Treasurers' Comptredore Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 2781).

**NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.**

**PUBLIC ENCLOSURE**

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3.00 including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

**BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.**

**MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.**

**SERVANTS' PASSES**

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

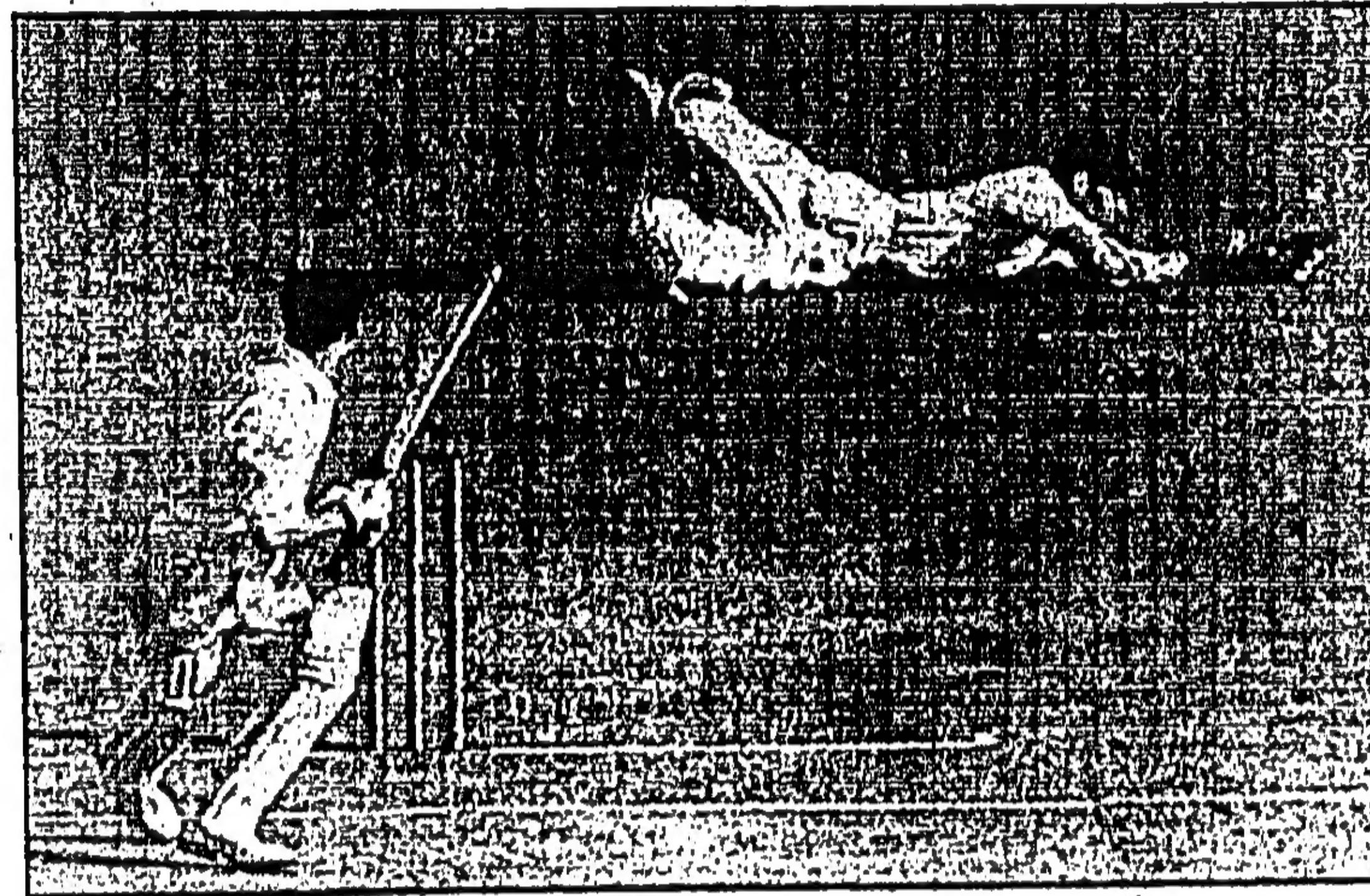
By Order,

H. M. 10A,  
Secretary.

# THE FIFTH TEST MATCH



Arthur Morris, Ian Craig, Ron Archer and South African Hedley Keith at Melbourne discussing the Fifth Test Match, which the South Africans won to draw the series.



Hassett turns Fuller to leg for four, with 'keeper Waite unsuccessful in stopping it.



The Australian captain, Lindsey Hassett, is smartly run out by a throw-in by Endean after having scored 40 in Australia's first innings in the final test match against South Africa at Melbourne.—Central Press Photos.

## George Whiting's Column

### The International Middleweight Situation Becomes Confusion Worse Confounded

London.

Paddy Young, 24-year-old New York middleweight, is named as Randolph Turpin's over-weight opponent at Earls Court on March 17—probably our champion's last pipe-opener to his world title fight at the White City on June 9.

And so the international middleweight situation becomes confusion worse confounded—for, only a short time ago, we were told that this same Young was to meet a fellow American, Ernie Durando, at Madison Square Garden.

Promoter Jack Solomons, home after high words in New York with Harry Markson, of the International Boxing Club in that city, contributed this to the transatlantic sniping:

"If Markson wants me to release Young from his proposed fight with Turpin, then he will have to ask me and I will consider it. It is remarkable that Young has not fought for the IBC for a year and yet when the club knew that I had signed Young, they began wanting him for an eliminator shortly after my show."

**WEIGHT WORRY**

Young, or no Young, Turpin—to whom two pounds of non-too-solid flesh have been applied with his form against the

ing a footbridge recently—will take care not to weigh more than 11st 7lb. at Earls Court. That is one pound above the championship limit.

Turpin recently Turpin has permitted himself to "swell" to 11st 9lb. But, having outpointed South Africa's Dugge Miller at that weight at Leicester, he has decided not to repeat an experiment that put lead in his boots.

From now on there are to be fewer cups of tea, and a sharper training schedule down to 11st 7lb.—regardless of the weight at which the match is made.

From these resolutions we are entitled to conclude that Turpin is not entirely satisfied with his form against the

## Lt.-Col. Stevenson Wins Services' Golf Championship

By kind permission of the Captain and Committee of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club a very enjoyable Combined Services Golf Meeting was held at Fanling on February 18 and 19.

Owing to the fact that several competitors were unable to attend on both days, the prizes were presented on the evening of the day on which they had been competed for; on Wednesday Lt Col W.A. Stevenson, DSO, Golf President of the Army in Hongkong addressed the assembled competitors in the Club House at Fanling and then called upon Mr Cleland, the Club Captain, to present the prizes to the first day's winners.

On Thursday the prizes were presented by Squadron Leader F.L. Arnott, DFC, when the opportunity was taken to offer the best wishes of all Service golfers in the Colony to Sqd Ldr Arnott, who is leaving the Colony in the near future.

**PRIZE WINNERS**

Prize winners were as follows:

Combined Services Championship—	Lt Col W.A. Stevenson, D.S.O.
Royal Navy Championship—Inst.	Lt Col J.G. Fletcher.
Army Championship—Lt Col W.A. Stevenson, D.S.O.	
Royal Air Force Championship—	Sqd Ldr P.L. Arnott, D.F.C.
Winner Scratch Score Old Course	Mr N.B. Davies.
Winner Scratch Score New Course	Lt Col W.A. Stevenson, D.S.O.
Winner Ido Score Old Course—Lt Col J.D. Adams.	
Winner Ido Score New Course—	Capt. H. Ross, M.C.
Winner Ido Score New Course—Lt Col P.H. Plumbe.	
Winner Bogey—Lt Col P.H. Carey.	
Winner Bogey—Lt Col R.M. Brydes.	

**FANLING GOLF**

The following are the results of matches in the Third Round of the Hongkong Golf Club Mixed Foursomes Competition at Fanling:

Mr & Mrs J.G. Byington lost to Dr & Mrs J.H. Mackie 3/2; Mr & Mrs B. Morrison lost to Mr & Mrs R.H. Moodie 3/2; Mr & Mrs Mitchell beat Mr & Mrs C.H. Liang 2/1; Mr & Mrs N.A. Lovell lost to Mr & Mrs J. D. Adams 3/2; Mr & Mrs J. D. Adams lost to Mr & Mrs J. D. Green 2/1; Mr & Mrs W. Stoker 2/1; Mr & Mrs D. Clegg beat Mr & Mrs W. J. M. Arquhar 2/1; Mr & Mrs H. N. Arquhar lost to Col & Mrs R.M. Brydes 0/4; Mr & Mrs J.C. Brown lost to Mr & Mrs R.E. Collings 0/4.
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The following are the matches in the Fourth Round which should be played on or before March 8:

Mr & Mrs J.H. Mackie v Mr & Mrs R.P. Moodie; Mr & Mrs Mitchell v Mr & Mrs Urquhart; Capt. Green & Miss Mirams beat Mr & Mrs W. Stoker 2/1; Mr & Mrs D. Clegg beat Mr & Mrs W. J. M. Arquhar 2/1; Col & Mrs R.M. Brydes v Mr & Mrs H. N. Arquhar.
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**BOGIE POOLS**

Captain's I.A.G. Wellington won the competition against Bogey played during the week-end at Fanling with a score of "all square." Messrs W.S. Vaughan and T. F. R. Waters were joint Runners-up with "one down."

The winners of the Shanghai Mixed Foursomes' competition against Bogey were Mr & Mrs S.S. Gordon, who returned a card showing "all square." Runners-up were Mr & Mrs H. Small.

**MAY FAULKNER'S VISIT**

Max Faulkner, former British Open Champion and holder of the Spanish "Open" title is expected to arrive in the Colony on March 8 and remain here until early morning on March 11.

Matches against local sides will be arranged for March 7 and 8 at Fanling and it is anticipated that he will be available for giving lessons to Club members on Monday and Tuesday.

Max Faulkner, with a points average of 9, tied with Arthur Lees for second place for the Professional Golfers Association "Order of Merit" title, 1952 Season; the winner was Harry Weetman with a points average of 8.7 from nine tournaments.

Stroke average per round being Arthur Lees—71.2; Harry Weetman—71.34; Max Faulkner—71.05. He was beaten in the Professionals' Match Play Championship by "Tony" Hartman who had previously beaten Dal Ross (four times winner) by one hole.

"Maxie" finished third in the Master's Golf Tournament last year with scores of 74—73—71 and 69 = 287.

**THE SOCIAL SIDE**

"Why, in rugby you never hear of a player running to a referee, 'take-hearing,' about an opponent. In rugby men take it—and may be give it as well—but only for 80 minutes. Then it's all forgotten in the social side of the game."

"I'm Scottish, you know," she continued, "and before I became engaged to 'Nim' I used to follow London Scottish and Scotland in internationals. Since then I've had to change allegiance. The result is lots of legal-pulling."

"It's a bit embarrassing. After the Scottish match last year one of my friends told me that my husband would not have played the game he did if he hadn't a Scottish wife. Which was absurd, you know."

**BIGGEST HITS**

—Bruce Marshall  
(London Express Service)

**SPORTS**

"Have a bit of fact, Fred—stick your paper away."

London Express Service

# The Grown-up Golf Caddie Is Dying Out

By HENRY LONGHURST

London.  
All over the country the grown-up golf caddie is dying out, partly perhaps from natural causes, largely because people no longer have either the wherewithal to pay him £1 a day or the nerve to ask him to do it for less. His departure robs the game of both colour and convenience.

No one who has ever had a caddie relishes carrying his own clubs, even in a tube-like little canvas container rescued from the attle. Nor are these ridiculous, if utilitarian, perambulators a true substitute. Yet the answer is, and to me always has been, plain. It is—boys.

What better job for a boy at weekends and in the holidays than carrying golf clubs for his elders and betters? Fresh air and exercise instead of fun fairs and films; grown up company; curious conversation and even curioser language; this is all, and, say, five bob a round.

This used to be the pattern at home (except the five bob). J. H. Taylor started at 80, less 3d. line if they lost a ball) and it is still the pattern in the United States. Of their last thirty odd open champions all but Jones and Little started by caddying. Now they have a number of "caddie scholarships," by which a bright boy may earn a course at the university.

**GROWING FACE**

This does not happen over here—but it should. Perhaps it is because the modern boy is, as Mr. Harding has described, "pierced and spoon-fed," though I do not share that belief. In America he certainly is not, and it has now come to the point where boys will not go out unless they carry two bags, thus earning double fees.

Furthermore each bag probably weighs about a hundred-weight and they still ask for two. I remember how a boy in Buffalo, N.Y., almost declined to carry the bag of Chick Evans, a past Open Champion and founder of the first Caddie scholarship in memory of his own caddie days, because it only had seven clubs in it. He felt he was losing face with the other boys, who each had a couple of cabin trucks.

Now, at last, someone is going to start something on these lines over here—Mr. Lou Freedman, who is the presiding genius at Coombe Hill. With

Others, who have relied over-long on grown-up caddies and blamed them afterwards, could once again decide for themselves which club to take, while those of us who are now reduced at the short holes to a tee'd up No. 2, would no longer lose the time and face involved in arguments about Mr. So-and-So, who recently "got up early with an eight."

Altogether an admirable idea, and I cannot wait to see it in action. Come along, there, boy!

## AMERICAN TO COMPETE IN TT RACES

Since the early 1920's the USA has had only one representative in the Isle of Men TT races—and he crashed in practice.

But this year America will be represented by Nick Nicholson, a young rider of considerable repute from race-minded California.

He is being sponsored by Captain Bill Thompson, a U.S. Army officer stationed in Germany, and will ride British Norton machines.

Because the United States, where motorcycle sport is largely controlled by the purely national AMA, has no representation on the International Motorcycling Federation, the British Auto-Cycle Union will grant Nicholson membership while he is on this side of the Atlantic, so that he may compete not only in the TT, but in the various Continental Grand Prix which follow.

## Draw For The Schoolgirls' Badminton Championships

The draw for the Colony Schoolgirls' and Mixed Doubles Badminton Championships, which will be run together with the schoolboys' events by the Hongkong Schools Sports Association during the coming few weeks, was made yesterday.

Due to lack of entries, the Junior Girls' Singles and Doubles events had to be inadvertently cancelled.

## Farewell Rugby Match In Honour Of W. G. Minto

A farewell friendly rugby match in honour of W. G. Minto, Hongkong Football Club's Rugby Captain, who will be leaving the Colony in early March on long leave, will be played on the Club ground at Happy Valley today at 5.15 p.m.

The teams chosen by Minto and R. G. Craig are:

Top Half: Evelyn Alure & Frances Silva (SM) v. Mary Wong & May Wong (FC).

Lower Half: Wong Shue-cheung (SSGC);

Yvonne Toong-lew (SSGC);

Sylvia Garcia (SM) v. Wong Shiu-kwan (SPC);

Lily Chan (SM) v. Norman Chan (FC).

Schoolgirls' Senior Doubles

Top Half: Evelyn Alure &

Frances Silva (SM) v. Mary Wong & May Wong (FC);

Winnie Chan & Lily Man (SM) v. Sylvia Garcia & Mille Wu (SM).

Lower Half: M. C. Basto &

A. Colino (SM) v. Wong Shiu-kwan & Lo Suet-fa (SPC);

G. Baptista & Norma Chan (FC) v. Joyce Osmund & Valerie Fernandez (SM).

Students' Mixed Doubles

Top Half: M. C. Basto &

E. Marques-Ilm v. R. Carvalho &

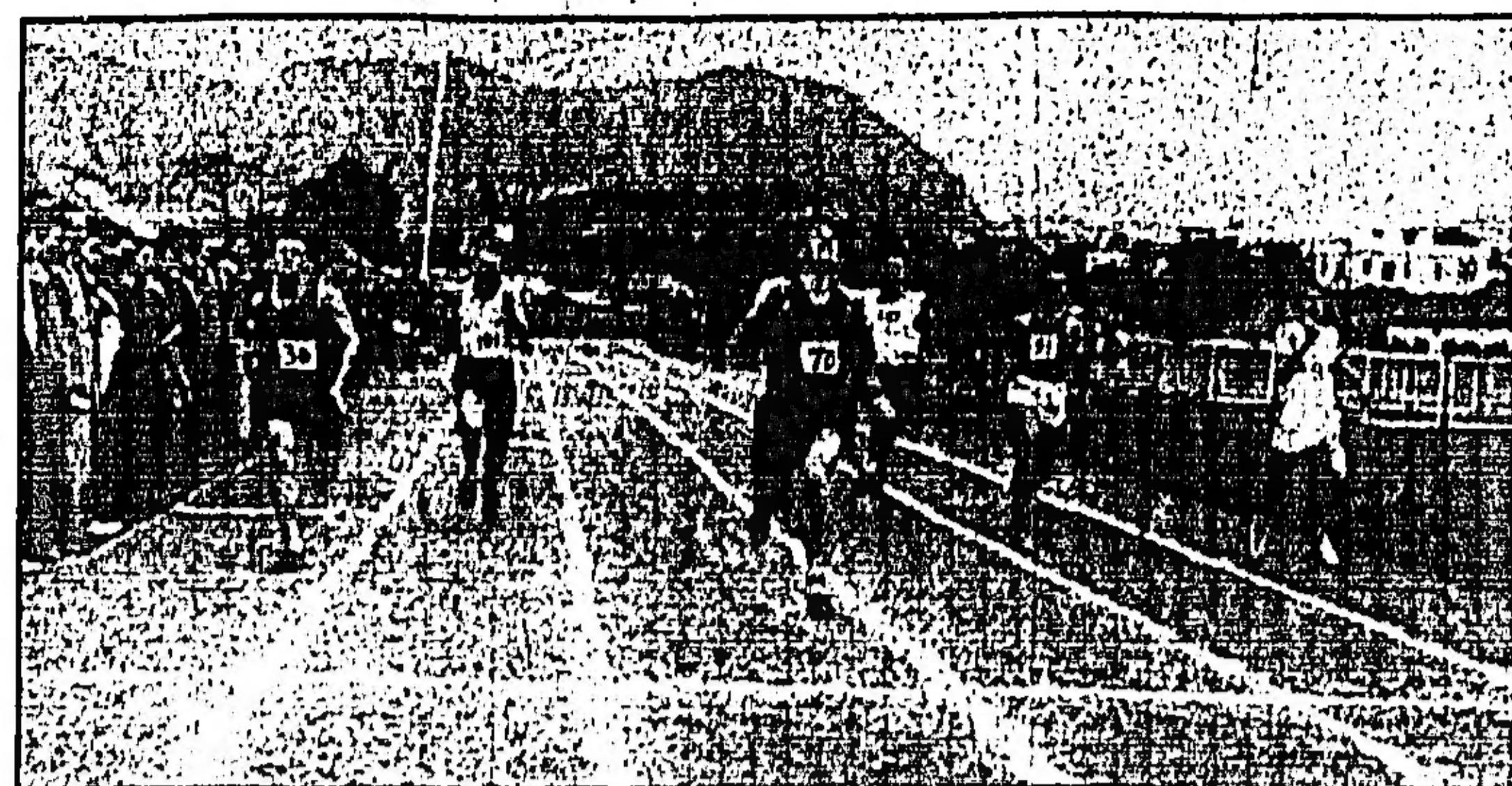
E. Basto; May Wong & Su Chuen v. A. Sales & G. McDougal.

Lower Half: Miriam Tong &

U. Sel-ching & Ting Yau &

Emily So; Ko Wal-bong & Mut Wong (byo).

## FAREWELL APPEARANCE



Quentin Almoe winning the Quadrangular 100 Yards Dash at Boundary Street on Sunday in 10.4 seconds, ahead of Kirk and Wong Man-wan.

Quentin, who was third in the 100 Metres at the last Colony Championships to Stephen Xavier and Wong Man-wan and fifth in the 200 Metres, is leaving on Saturday for New Zealand where he is enrolled at Victoria University College at Wellington.

His 100 Yards in 10.1 seconds at King George V School in 1951 is still the fastest postwar mark for this distance, ahead of Xavier's 10.2 seconds at Boundary Street last year.

In the picture are — from left to right — Crane, Norris, Almoe, Perdue, Kirk (second) and Wong Man-wan (third).

The picture clearly demonstrates how much can happen in the last few yards. At this stage Almoe is still about two to three yards from the tape with Crane nearest to him and Kirk lying fifth. Kirk finished second and Crane fifth.—China Mail Photo.

## The Odds On Arsenal's Cup And League "Double" Are Cramped Says ARCHIE QUICK

Arsenal, drawn at home again for the Sixth Round, were quoted at the latest Victoria Club call-over at two to one against favourites for the Cup, and were at one hundred to six for the Cup and League "double."

Both odds are cramped. In the Cup quarter-finals there are still eight "runners," and five of them are First Division sides. As for the League, Arsenal still have seventeen matches to play in ten weeks.

Thus their total commitment, exclusive of replays and allowing for them getting to Wembley, would be twenty games. In half that number of weeks! The brain would surely be too much. The Cup for them, maybe, but the possibility of a League triumph is remote, to say the least.

True, they have not got to go visiting again in the Cup—unless they draw their Sixth Round tie—for after that, the Semi-Final and Final are on neutral grounds, but study their League programme.

On Saturdays they have to play Blackpool, Wednesday, Newcastle, Middlesbrough, Chelsea, Manchester City and Preston—North End, all away from home. They have to meet Cardiff, West Bromwich, Stoke and Burnley at home.

Then there are four midweek games against Derby, Preston and Bolton at home and Cardiff away, in addition to the Easter programme of three matches in four days.

How can a team survive that fixture list, and pay attention to Cup quarter-finals, semi-finals and Final? Should Arsenal fight their way to Wembley their Saturday games with West Bromwich and Burnley at Highbury will become additional midweek games, making eight in all!

**LOYAL SUPPORTER**  
Plymouth Argyle have no great reputation as Cup fighters at their own Home Park. In fact, they have won only one tie before their home spectators in 21 years! Apart from their success against Crewe Alexandra two seasons ago, Plymouth have lost five ties at Home Park and drawn two others since 1932—and their latest effort was an ignominious exit at the hands of (rather, feet) of Northern Section Gateshead.

But there is at least one supporter who has remained loyal to them through all these vicissitudes — ex-Alderman Albert Webb, JP. This Devonshire gentleman, 92 years young, actually saw the first Cup tie ever played at Home Park over 50 years ago—and he has missed very few since.

He recalls that Argyle have been knocked out at the first

time of asking on no fewer than twenty occasions since World War I, and there have been two sequences of five and nine defeats respectively. Apart from their win over Crewe in a replay in season 1930-31, they have not won a Cup game home or away since 1935-36 (and that against Crewe, funny enough). That represents one victory in 16 matches!

Mr. Webb, however, says that the biggest ordeal Argyle supporters have ever undergone was between seasons 1921-22 and 1929-30 when the club finished Division Two six times in succession and followed this period of frustration by filling third and fourth places—the next two seasons before finally getting out of the Third Division.

### FIRST IN YEARS

Gateshead are the first Third Division North side to gain a place in the last Cup eight since Hull City accomplished the feat in the dim past. They are a typical Cup side—a solid and relentless defence grim in their first time tackling, and possessing an attack which wastes no time on trifles.

They have, too, the same fierce civic pride as Bristol Rovers, for ten of them are locals with the only "foreigner" Scottish independent Ian Winters, scorer of the all-important goal at Plymouth.

Not one of the players cost the club a penny, except signing-on fees of £10 apiece, apart from Smith, the inside-right. Gateshead paid £500 to Blackpool for him, but he is a Gateshead lad all the same.

Gateshead FC, however, is really Mr. Will Tulp, Now 78 years old, he was with South Shields when they moved from Horsley Hill to Redheugh Park 22 years ago and became Gateshead. He has lavished all his time and lot of his own money on the club, but after the game he said: "It has been a long, hard struggle against First Division competition, but now it all seems worth while."

He is director, Hon. Manager,

Secretary and Programme Editor—and groundsman, trainer and masseur if needs be, he adds.

### Stanley Kramer's

## "HIGH NOON"

starring

### GARY COOPER

has received more citations as the best picture of 1952 than any other picture.

To-morrow at the

### KING'S-EMPIRE MAJESTIC.

## ★ ★ ★ A SEAT IN THE STALLS ★ ★ ★

### KEN SMITH'S Show Talk

## NOW CLARK GABLE IS PLANNING TO RETIRE

London.  
Now it's Clark Gable, like Bing Crosby, he's planning to retire.

It's not surprising. They've been with us a long time. Take Clark. He's been a top-liner for 20 years.

Months ago, when he was

in England to make *Never Let Me Go* in Cornwall, he told me quietly: "Somehow I don't think I shall ever sign another contract."

On December 4 his present contract with MGM comes up for renewal. My bet is he'll not take it up.

I can't give you MGM's view of the impending break. They won't talk. They didn't even have a Press reception when Clark arrived in London to film scenes for "Mogambo" at Elstree.

Clark isn't talking either. He slipped into London and got down to costume fittings and script conferences. At the airport as he stood, a book under his arm, a briefcase in his hand, looking like a typical city business man going home, he smoothed his greying hair and said: "I want to have a quiet time. I don't want people to know I'm here—not yet, anyway."

If I am right, the break will mean the end of one of the longest star-studio partnerships in screen history. For it was on December 4, 1930, that Gable signed his first contract with MGM. It was for two years.

Clark is longing to retreat to his Californian ranch and emerge only occasionally "for a really adult film—for my own company."

He told me in Cornwall: "I plan to retire in 1954 anyway, and shall take things easy until then. I should have enough money to see me through my golf and my fishing even though tax does take a lot."

His earnings are around the £1,000-a-week mark—every week.

At 52, full of fame and riches, Gable is not very different from the 21-year-old Billy Gable who considered himself fortunate to make £100 a week as a negro mammay or a crying child in a crib on stage, with a one-night stand repertory company.

**I WAS LUCKY**

Among his unimpressible film colleagues he is known as "The King," but he never forgets that he has not always been a star. He likes to tell the story of *It Happened One Night*—the film which won him an Oscar and established him as the most popular actor in the world.

He didn't want to make it because it was a "loan-out" picture to Columbia, and I didn't fancy "loan-outs." But I was lucky. I look how it turned out."

Look how it turned out! For 20 years he has been "The King" at Metro. Now he is ready to relinquish his MGM crown.

Who will take it up? My guess: Stewart Granger.

**BUSY ELIZABETH**  
Elizabeth Allison (who played opposite Clark in 1933 in *Men in White*) has completed her film come-back role with Trevor Howard in *Graham Greene's The Heart of the Matter*. Now she starts with Jack Hawkins in a newspaper story, *Each Day We Die*.

P.S. (to the film company): Change the title.

**HEALTHY SHOT**  
British Lion, who are making *Each Day We Die*, have a six-picture programme lined up that should give British films a healthy shot in the arm. The other five:

1. Carol Reed is in Berlin seeking locations for *Man in the Street* with James Mason, Claire Bloom and Hildegarde Neff.

2. Tony Kinnane starts this week on *Paradise* with Alec Guinness, Yvonne de Carlo and Celia Johnson.

3. Aubrey Baring starts next month on a commando picture set in the Island of Rhodes, with an all-male cast headed by Dirk Bogarde and Denholm Elliott.

4. In April work begins on *Six Came Back*, by Somerset Maugham's nephew Robin, starring Jack Hawkins.

5. May will see David Lean at work on the old stage hit *Hobson's Choice*.

**LAUGHTON CRACK**

Most fatuous remark of the week: from Charles Laughton, who, surprisingly, has been playing with Abbott and Costello:

"If Lou Costello ever plays at Stratford I will not be surprised. He would win praise from the most highbrow critic in portraying such Shakespearean characters as Bottom in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, the porter in *Macbeth*, and Touchstone in *All You Like It*."

**NOT HAMLET, MR. LAUGHTON?**

Good news for the many readers who read *The Caine Mutiny* last year, and particularly those who wrote suggesting Humphrey Bogart for the role of Captain Queeg.

After Bogart finishes *John Huston's The Devil in Italy* and *England* he will return home to play Queeg in *Stanley Kramer's* film of the book.

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## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$346,582.75. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

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BANKS HK Bank XD 1360 1370 50 1360

East Asia ..... 145 75 115

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SHIPPING Waterboat ..... 13.10

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S. Dock (N) ..... 11.40

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UPLIFTERS ..... 21.50

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C. Light (O) ..... 9.30 9.50

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Electric ..... 23.60 23.30 140 G 23.00

Telephone ..... 17.20 17.30

INDUSTRIALS ..... 18.00

Cement ..... 18.00

Rope ..... 19.70

STORES, ETC. ..... 100 G 21.50

Dairy ..... 10.80 10.10 80 G 10

500 G 10.20

Watson ..... 24.20 24.40 100 G 24.30

Sun Co. ..... 1.00 1.00 1.00

COTTONS ..... 2.40 100 G 21.50

Two MISCELLANEOUS ..... 5.85 2000 G 8.85

Yangtze ..... 11.20 2000 G 8.85

## SEARCH FOR OIL

Cairo, Feb. 24.  
The British-owned Anglo-Egyptian Oilfields Ltd. hopes to resume its search for oil deposits in Egypt as a result of a new mining law announced here, a company spokesman said today.

The new law is aimed at encouraging foreign investment.

The spokesman said: "In conjunction with other measures which it is hoped will shortly be taken it will enable the company to investigate areas for which we have applied for prospecting licences some time ago." — Reuters.

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:  
U.S. dollar 1 per 100 ..... 18.025  
Singapore 1 per 100 ..... 18.075  
Indonesian guilders (per 100) ..... 22.00  
Siam (baht) (per 100) ..... 35.50  
Singapore (Strata) ..... 18.25  
FIC (pharbs) (per 100) ..... 11.00

## Japanese Application For Admission To GATT Presents Big Problem

(By Ronald Boxall)

New York, Feb. 24.  
Japan is planning a programme to promote increased exports to the dollar market, trade sources reported.

Although detailed decisions have not been made, some form of organised dollar-export promotion is probable as early as April. Hisashi Murata, representative of the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry, said:

"Japan must do everything possible to expedite increased sales to the dollar market, rather than the Sterling market." Mr. Murata said. — Associated Press.

This famous "most-favoured nation" clause is the very foundation of GATT. And it is also the cause of present fears regarding Japan's application for admission.

Hitherto, the "tariff club" has not had to deal with the new membership of a major trading country. Those countries admitted after GATT came into operation in 1948 have played relatively minor roles in world trade, and their accession therefore did not cause concern. But Japan's application is in an entirely different category.

Her factories account for a considerable proportion of the consumer goods entering world trade, and her exports of engineering goods are likely to play an increasingly important part in this trade in future. The problem, however, is not only the volume but the price of Japanese exports. This is well below the price of similar goods produced elsewhere in the world.

The difficulty that was foreseen when Japan made formal application to join GATT was that members would be compelled, under existing rules, to treat her equally with all others.

Thus the tariff concessions negotiated bilaterally since 1947 and unconditionally extended to all members would automatically be made available to Japan.

"Russia wants to help reconstruct and rehabilitate the countries of this region. We are ready even now to discuss any concrete queries and offers for the purchase and sale of goods, including the conclusion of individual trade deals."

He offered to supply capital and manufactured goods in exchange for Asia's rich raw materials, including petroleum and copra.

Nationalist China offered the only immediate reply to the Communist trade woe.

**OTHER BIDS**

Having failed in the initial ballot, Japan's application was put up for consideration at the full session of GATT last September. The arguments outlined above were put forward by certain delegations—notably the British—and the whole matter was then referred to a special "inter-sessional" committee.

That committee has now reported, and the solution it suggests falls well short of the sweeping changes in GATT rules that many people believed to be necessary before Japan could be admitted. In fact, the committee has proposed only one minor change in the rules—to enable members whose economies are damaged by a flood of cheap Japanese imports to take corrective action on their own initiative if GATT delays longer than 30 days in suggesting alternative arrangements.

The committee considered a proposal that Article 19 of the Agreement, providing for "emergency" action in circumstances causing or threatening serious injury," should be amended.

As it stands, this Article is non-discriminatory in action. In other words, if a tariff concession is withdrawn from one member it must also be withdrawn from the others. It was felt by certain countries that this ruling could be changed to enable the Article to be invoked against a particular country—Japan—without harming others unnecessarily.

Moreover, even if tariff negotiations have been held, a country can still take discriminatory action against another member if it can show that such action is necessary to safeguard its balance of payments.

But import quotas and other restrictions imposed for this purpose must be progressively relaxed as the balance of payments position improves and eliminated altogether when conditions no longer justify their use.

A favourable vote by a full session of GATT does not necessarily imply therefore that Japan will automatically be granted "most-favoured nation" treatment by all members. And, even if it is, discriminatory action may still be taken against it if its trade with another member tends to be so one-sided that serious balance of payments problems arise.

**PRESS COMMENT** Leading British newspapers react mildly to the proximity of Japan's entry into GATT announced from Geneva.

The "Times," concerning itself with the question of safeguards, states: "It is generally agreed, however, that any safeguards which might be introduced into GATT before Japan's accession should not be aimed at Japan individually."

"Nothing could be more quickly fatal to the whole of GATT than an attempt to create a special category of second-class members, particularly if the initial discrimination were to be practised against one of the principal trading nations of the world."

"Unfortunately, the only alternative is to extend still further the escape clauses of an agreement in which already the escape clauses rather than the binding obligations dominate."

In the event, the committee decided that members' interests would be sufficiently safeguarded if Article 23 was amended to speed up the process by which an injured party can seek to defend itself against undue foreign competition to its home market.

Under this Article, a member can place itself in the hands of GATT—that is to say, of other members—if a "sudden flooding" of its home market threatens to produce "violent" disruption of trading conditions with serious adverse repercussions for large sectors of production."

In these circumstances, GATT may relieve an injured party from its obligation. But it was recognised that in such an "emergency" much might depend on quick action. Therefore, the committee proposed that

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## ARRIVALS

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1953.

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## Charles Was Late

THE cries of Old London, those piping refrains of hawkers that seem in retrospect picturesquely, but cannot have been altogether easy to live among, have their equivalent today in the hoarse, urgent calls of the street traders who inhabit the West End.

Old London's hawkers sold goods like lavender and epic ballads and, to judge from prints, went about it in a graceful, leisurely way. Their descendants offer nylon stockings or plaster statuettes, reproductions of famous pictures, imitation pearls or household commodities that are elsewhere in short supply.

And their technique is far from leisurely. It is feverishly brisk; breathless, sales talk accompanied by nervous darting glances. For, at any moment, the street-trader may have to shut up the fibre suitcase that serves him as shop-window and warehouse, and bolt from a patrolling policeman intent on arresting him for causing obstruction on the pavement.

DESPITE the second-sight some street-traders seem to develop, which allows them to sense a policeman's approach though he may not yet be in view (a gift abetted by a system of scouts and spotters), a handful of them are arrested every day.

Each morning, they march one by one into the dock at Great Marlborough Street, plead guilty to the charge against them, and depart, cheerfully or sadly according to the state of trade, to pay fines ranging from 7s. 6d. to 30s. or more, graded to match the amount of obstruction caused.

Street-traders are usually polite in their dock-manner, and punctual in attending court. It was a surprise, therefore, when, towards the end of business at Marlborough Street, the gaoler showed in one who had failed to appear at the appointed time.

HE was a pleasant-looking young man named Charles, and when he had pleaded guilty, and a policeman had told the court the details of his offence, Mr Walter Frampton, the magistrate, turned to him and said: "Why weren't you here at ten o'clock?"

The question seemed to embarrass Charles, who blushed, tucked his head into the upturned collar of his overcoat, and mumbled: "Er, just gone to live at Barnet, see, got sort of muddled with the travelling. Confused me getting here from Barnet, just got married."

THE police officer stepped back into the witness-box. He looked as though he had been waiting for this cue, as if he were delighted to be able to add to Charles's explanation.

"It seems, Sir," he said, "that this man got married yesterday afternoon, shortly before he was arrested. I gather that after the wedding he found he was short of money, so he took up his suitcase and went to his pitch."

That was all he said, and it left many questions tantalisingly unanswered. Was it the warden's tip or the registrar's? Did Charles had to go out and earn? Was the reception his undoing? Could Charles have said with Coleridge: "The guests are met, the feast is set," and then have been obliged to add: "And now of it is paid for we?" And what did his bride do when he went away, and what would his mother-in-law have to say?

THE public gallery pondered these things and tittered, the policeman permitted himself the kind of indulgent smile a best man bestows on a friend just married, and Charles shifted from foot to foot uncomfortable.

"Well, you can't have made much preparation if you were hard up so soon," said Mr Frampton. "However, in the circumstances, I'll make it a discharge today."

Charles mumbled a few words of thanks, like a bridegroom called upon to speak. They showed him out, and off he went to earn the first week's house-keeping money.

## Importance Of Eden's US Visit Political Career May Be At Stake

London, Feb. 24. The Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, leaves for the United States on Thursday night on a journey that will take him to the crossroads in Anglo-American relations and in his own career.

Mr Eden is deeply concerned over prospects of unifying Western Europe. He is under fire from his own Party over Mid-Eastern policy. He is at odds with the American Administration over Britain's slow policy in the Far East.

Success or failure of his forthcoming Washington visit—an economic mission as well as a diplomatic one—will set the tone for relations with the new Eisenhower administration, and it may well be the deciding factor as to whether Mr Eden ever becomes Prime Minister of Britain.

By the time Mr Eden reaches Washington on March 4, it may have become clear from the present Rome discussions whether France and Germany can reconcile their differences over joining in the six-nation West European Army, an achievement on which the United States Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, has insisted.

### FRENCH DEMANDS

Mr Eden was known to fear that the French were making demands Germany would not meet—mainly the provision that France can withdraw her troops from the European Army before it is organised early in March.

In response to these requests it has been decided to keep it open after the advertised closing date.

The total donations received up to noon on February 28 will be remitted to the Lord Mayor's Fund on Monday, March 2.

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London Express Service.

## A QUEEN WITH HER PEOPLE



Wearing a headscarf similar to those worn by the Dutch housewives with whom she talks, Queen Juliana toured the flood-stricken town of Oude Tonge. She has postponed all her engagements not connected with the floods in Holland.—London Express.

## British Flood Disaster Fund

### KOWLOON PROPERTIES DISPUTE

#### Court Action By Chinese General

"Puffs, Balloons and Smoke-balls" by A. Lawrence Polak, illustrated by Leslie Starke. Published by Justice of the Peace Ltd., Little London, Chichester, England. 137 pages, 10/-.

A dispute over certain Kowloon properties which had been mortgaged formed the subject of consolidated actions heard before Mr Justice E. H. Williams, Senior Pulse Judge, at the Supreme Court today.

The plaintiff, Chan Yue, alias Chan Yu-hing, merchant, of 2 Humphreys Avenue, ground floor, asked that mortgages of the 40 buildings be declared null and void; for an order that the said mortgages be discharged from the Land Register, and for declarations that the plaintiff is solely entitled in law and equity to the said properties; and for damages for fraud against his father-in-law, Ng Chee-tick, and his brother-in-law, Ng Chi-chuan, both of 2 Humphreys Avenue, first-floor.

Bo the subject mere "Puffs, Balloons and Smoke-balls" (which is a comment on gross exaggeration in advertising which consequently led to the famous case of the Carbolic Smoke Ball Company) or a current social problem such as "Private Act" has been promoted to make exhibition of hypnotism illegal except under license," or be it "Persons for Pachyderms" (a mildly political favoured satire on the Pensions Act) or yet another political satire on Income Tax evaders or in "Republik and Sinner" where the author (himself a solicitor) tacitly alludes to Voltaire's famous aphorism "if children did not exist, it would be necessary to invent them." Lawrence Polak is equally persusive, sincere and emphatic.

Defendants on the first count are Henry G. Loong Estates, Ltd., of Hongkong Stock Exchange Building, who are represented by M. D. A. L. Wright and Mr S. V. Gittins, instructed by Mr J. T. Prior, Mr Charles E. Losby, QC, instructed by Stewart and Company, appears for the second and third defendants.

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He said he married Ng Wah-hing, the daughter of Ng Chee-tick (second defendant) and sister of Ng Chi-chuan (third defendant) in Hankow in 1931.

At the time of their marriage, the bride's father's finances were not in a good state, and the plaintiff had to support him for twenty years. He ceased to do so in 1950 when he discovered the alleged fraud.

#### \$20,000 PURCHASE

Chan said that in May 1947 he stopped for a day at Hongkong on his way to Canton to take up a Government position. He stayed in his own house, 2 Humphreys Avenue, which he bought in June 1938 through his wife, to whom he gave \$20,000 to make the purchase. At this time his wife spent some weeks in Hongkong in hospital, and she signed a bond with Chan Yu-hing to the documents.

Plaintiff had lived at 2 Humphreys Avenue for seven months in 1940, and his second wife and children were living there now, he said when questioned by his Counsel.

Ng Chee-tick and his wife had lived on the first floor for ten years, and had received the rent from the rest of the house for their own support.

In 1947, when he passed through Hongkong, the plaintiff was told about the property at 7 Hart Avenue, and decided to

buy it. He sent \$40,000 to his father-in-law by Chan Ful-ping, and later sent a further \$20,000 to make up the total \$60,000. The sums were acknowledged by his father-in-law, who collected the rent from the new property until October 1950.

The hearing is continuing.

He fixed the defendant \$10.

## Overturned Lamp Was Cause Of Last Night's Fire 3,076 PEOPLE REGISTERED AS HOMELESS

Last night's disastrous fire in Kowloon City was apparently caused by a kerosene lamp being overturned, the flames igniting a flimsy bamboo and paper mache partition on the first floor of 88, Lung Chua Road, according to an official statement released this morning.

The flames spread to the next hut, occupied by a flower seller and his wife; they jumped through the window to the ground and raised the alarm.

The fire involved approximately 400 buildings and 3,076 persons have been registered as homeless. Fortunately no casualties have been reported.

The Kowloon Fire Station

received the call at 10.50 p.m. through the Police radio control and immediately despatched six engines, two ambulances and a radio car. These were later reinforced by an additional engine and a car from Hongkong.

The fire fighting was under the direction of Mr W. J. Gorman, Chief Officer, who stated this morning that when the fire was at its height a number of small explosions occurred—apparently caused by stored fire crackers as well as drums of oil becoming alight.

He said the fire was brought under control by 12.00 a.m. and finally extinguished at 12.45 a.m.

Mr Gorman added that there was a small home for aged and blind people in the middle of the area, and that between 40 and 50 inmates of the home were quietly marshalled out to safety by members of the Brigade before the building became seriously threatened.

Mr Keen, the Government Social Welfare Officer stated this morning that about one third of the 400 buildings are stone structures situated partly inside and partly outside the actual walled city of Kowloon. It is estimated that about half of those inside the city are burnt out.

#### 813 FAMILIES

Officials of the Social Welfare Office were on the scene soon after the fire was reported and quickly got down to the task of screening. This continued throughout the night and was completed this morning. As a result, 3,076 persons representing 813 families have been registered.

Mr Keen observed that this figure would soon indicate that there are a lot of single people amongst the victims.

The victims were given temporary shelter last night in the Nansang School nearby. The Social Welfare officers paid tribute to Mr Chen, the Headmaster of the school for his willingness and help in placing the school at the disposal of the welfare workers, enabling them to succour the victims and carry out the screening and registration.

Mr Hui Pak-kuk, Chairman of the Kowloon City Kai-fong Welfare Association is organising a relief committee to raise funds and clothing for the victims.

Meanwhile, the Government Social Welfare Office prepared 2,000 hot meals this morning and is intending to distribute another 2,000 this evening. The victims are being fed for the time being at the Argyle Street temporary shelter where January's Honmin and Kowloon-Tsim fire victims are at present housed.

#### MAGISTRATE'S ADMONITION

"If people see a Jardine's driver going against the regulations they are going to be disgruntled," said Mr Thomas Tam this morning at Central Court.

He was speaking to Pun Yun Tin, the young driver for Jardine and